

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A sealed battery in which an opening of a battery case is sealed[[,]] with ~~any one of~~ a sealing member via an insulating gasket, and a sealing unit in which [[a]] the sealing member is crimped inside the battery case via at least the sealing unit having at least a filter-via and an inner gasket, the sealed battery further including a sheet-like gasket having a higher coefficient of rebound resilience than the insulating gasket and the inner gasket, the sheet-like gasket being placed upon the sealing member so that the battery case is tightly sealed at the opening of the battery case with any one of a combination of the insulating gasket and the sheet-like gasket, and a combination of the insulating gasket, the sheet-like gasket, and the inner gasket, by crimping the opening of the battery case inwards wherein the insulating gasket, the sheet-like gasket, and the sealing unit are crimped inwardly, and wherein the sheet-like gasket is provided between an upper face of the sealing member and a lower face of the insulating gasket; and
an annular sealing protrusion provided at a compressed point on an upper face of a bottom wall of at least one of the insulating gasket and the inner gasket provided at a lower side of the sheet-like gasket.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A sealed battery in which an opening of a battery case is sealed[[[,]] with ~~any one of~~ a sealing member via an insulating gasket, and a sealing unit in which [[a]] the sealing member is crimped inside the battery case via at least the sealing unit having at least a filter via and an inner gasket, the sealed battery further including a sheet-like gasket having a higher coefficient of rebound resilience than the insulating gasket and the inner gasket, wherein any one of a thickness of an upper face of the insulating gasket and the inner gasket in a part that makes contact with an upper surface of a cap is made larger so that the battery case is tightly sealed at the opening of the battery case with any one of a combination of the insulating gasket and the sheet-like gasket, and a combination of the insulating gasket, the sheet-like gasket, and the inner gasket, by crimping the opening of the battery case inwards wherein the insulating gasket, the sheet-like gasket, and the sealing unit are crimped inwardly, and wherein the sheet-like gasket is provided between an upper face of the sealing member and a lower face of the insulating gasket; and

an annular sealing protrusion provided at a compressed point on an upper face of a bottom wall of at least one of the insulating gasket and the inner gasket provided at a lower side of the sheet-like gasket.

4. (Canceled).